

Board of Boiler Rules Minutes
Special Meeting August 31, 2010

A special meeting of the Illinois Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules was held in the Springfield, IL Office of the State Fire Marshall West Conference Room, on August 31, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to review changes to the Boiler Repairer Act, Part 121, and the Boiler Safety Act, Part 120. Mr. Hoveke, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ed Hoveke
 Chuck Hickman
 George Galanes
 Harold Hacker
 Larry Skalnik

OSFM Staff Present: Ben Bailey, Superintendent, Boiler Division
 Joseph August, Deputy Director,
 Alec Messina, Acting General Counsel
 Jim Watts, Senior Policy Advisor

ITEM 1 – Changes to Part 121 Boiler Repairers Act

Mr. August summarized the majority of the changes as clarifications, grammatical in nature and resulting from department audit findings. A detailed discussion was held on the changes to Section 121.100 (e) and (f) regarding renewals. These changes will:

- *initiate letters to be sent to the license holders that their insurance will expire;
- *allow for any new or renewal license to coincide with the R stamp expiration date; and,
- *coincide with the requirement for annual proof of the certificate of insurance,

Mr. Bailey indicated the letters will create a large amount of additional work for the Division and questioned the need for the letters. In response, it was indicated that an open position in the Division is posted to be filled. Additionally, the letters will be created by the electronic data base firm, Praeses. Mr. Messina noted the Office of the State Fire Marshall will also supply additional assistance as needed for the roll-out, as similar programs have been initiated in other Divisions of the Office. On a question from Mr. Skalnik regarding the timeline, it was indicated the changes would take a minimum of 90 days to go through the process to take effect and likely into January or February. This would allow the new person in the Division time to acclimate to the procedures and programs.

Mr. Hoveke asked if the letters needed to be certified. Mr. August responded a general notification can be a letter through regular mail, but something such as terminating rights would have to be certified mail.

After discussion was completed, Mr. Hickman made a motion to accept the changes to Part 121 as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Galanes and passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 – Changes to Part 120 Boiler Safety Act

Mr. August again indicated many of the changes were clarifications, grammatical in nature, resulting from department audit findings or suggested changes from the Board.

A discussion was held regarding section 120.20 (C) (1 thru 5). This allows for boilers rated at or above 450,000 lbs/hr, a 36 month interval between comprehensive internal inspections, with annual external inspections performed under pressure when possible in the two years between the 36 month internal inspections, upon request by letter with conditions and qualifications as indicated in 120.20. Mr. Galanes questioned the need for the letter. Mr. August indicated the State should have something from the owner / user that requests the extension and it should not be an excessive burden. Mr. Messina stated the proposal as written would not require a change of statute.

A discussion was held on how the state inspectors and insurance agencies would be made aware of these changes. It was indicated a safety conference of all inspectors would be held in the first quarter of next year in which these would be explained. These changes were expected to take 90 days at a minimum to pass through the JCAR process and would not take effect until January or February 2011.

After discussion was completed, Mr. Galanes made a motion to accept the changes to Part 12 as discussed. This was seconded by Mr. Hickman and passed unanimously. Mr. Galanes stated he supports these changes and feels they will enhance boiler and pressure vessel safety in the State of Illinois.

ITEM 3 – Committee Report on Current Procedures for State Specials

Mr. Skalnik presented the results of the committee completing a comprehensive evaluation of the procedures for state specials as first reported at the meeting of June 2, 2010. Two suggestions were made for inclusion in the Rules revisions, and were inserted during the discussions in Item 2 above. Additional recommendations were presented for consideration as procedural changes.

Mr. Galanes made a motion to accept the technical recommendations from the sub-group on the handling of state specials and other in service inspections as reviewed and approved by the Board and presented to the Division of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety for consideration and implementation. This was seconded by Mr. Hickman and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Galanes, seconded by Mr. Hickman and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Skalnik
Secretary